



Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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Vayeshev - וישב

December 9, 2017—21 Kislev 5778

In last week's Parasha, we learned how Jacob returned to Canaan after a twenty year stay in his uncle's town of Haran. Now that he is back in Canaan, Jacob feels that he deserves to rest and enjoy his family consisting of his children and grandchildren. Jacob shows that Joseph, the son from his beloved Rachel, is his favorite. He treats him differently than his other 11 sons, and the most obvious thing is that he makes him a special coat, whereby everyone could see that he is the favorite.

Joseph is not shy about showing his brothers that he has big plans for his future—that he will be the one to lead the family. He shares with them 2 dreams which would easily be interpreted as the day will come when they will come to bow down to him. The brothers are very jealous. For this reason they hate him and they can never have a peaceful conversation.

The brothers take their father's sheep for grazing far away from Hebron and Jacob asks Joseph to go and check on the well-being of his brothers and the sheep. When the brothers see him from afar, they plot to kill him and use the coat as the proof of his death by putting blood from a goat on it and let it be believed that he was killed by a wild animal. Reuben saves him from certain death and recommends him that they throw him in a pit, which they do.

Judah suggests that they sell him as a slave to a company of traders, which they do. Joseph is taken down to Egypt where he is sold to Potiphar, the head of Pharaoh's guards. He is very successful in Egypt and rises to become the head of Potiphar's household. When Potiphar's wife cannot convince him to have relations with her, she accuses him of attempted rape, and he is thrown in jail.

In the prison, Joseph was assigned to tend to two important prisoners, Pharaoh's chief butler and Pharaoh's chief baker. One morning, Joseph noticed that they seemed to be very disturbed. He asked them for an explanation as to their anxiety. They related dreams they had had that night. Joseph interpreted their dreams. And a few days later, they were brought before the king and were given sentences just like Joseph had interpreted. As a favor, Joseph asked these important people to help him get out of jail because he was innocent of all charges, but they forgot about him and did not help him at all.

This Day in Jewish History

According to *Megillat Taanit*, in the 4th century BCE, Alexander the Great met Shimon HaTzaddik, the High Priest of the Holy Temple. Shimon feared that Alexander would destroy Jerusalem, so went out to meet him before he arrived at the city. Upon seeing the High Priest, Alexander made the rare move of dismounting and bowing. When asked to explain his actions, Alexander said that he'd previously seen the High Priest in a dream. Alexander interpreted this vision as a good omen and thus spared Jerusalem, peacefully absorbing Israel into his growing empire. In gratitude, the Sages decreed that the Jewish firstborn of that time be named Alexander -- which remains a Jewish name to this very day.



Our Prayers and Good Wishes for Refuah Shleimah to:

אבינו אבינו מלכנו שלח רפואה שלמה רפואת הנפש רפואת הגוף לחולי עמך
אל נא רפא נא אל נא רפא נא לה שלח שלח רפואה שלמה לחולי עמך

Aveenu Aveenu Malkenu shelah refuah shleimah

Refuat Hanefesh Refuat Haguf Leholei leholei amecha

El na Refa nah—El na refah na lah

shellah shelah refuah sheleimah leholei amecha

(Our Father Our King—send complete healing to the sick of Your people

A healing of the soul and healing of the body to the sick of Your people.

Please o God Heal, Please o God Heal)

- Judge Jerry Berkowitz
- Rachel Barrick
- Bruce Colton
- Ragna Colton
- Rabbi Avram Etedgui
- Harold (Red) & Rivia Goldberg
- Uri Koppel
- Shel Libson
- Bronya Lipnik
- Art Nettis
- Alex Samuels
- Shayna bat Shifra
- Annick, Ali, and Aria Strauss
- Alice Truskinovsky
- Burt Weisberg

Look what is Happening at Sharei Chesed the Next few Weeks:

Shabbat, December 16th:

Torah Reader, Yefet Zadka and Dvar Torah to be given by Judge Jerry Berkowitz

Sunday, December 17th:

Hanukah Party—Dinner, Music, Talent Show, Student Performances and Prizes.

Watch your mail for more information.

Upcoming Birthdays



Happy Birthday to:

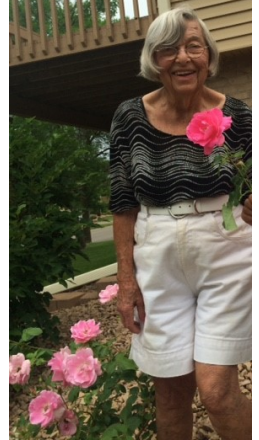
Dmitry Gringauz
Eva Gross
Yana Zolotov

Happy 90th Birthday Eva!

Eva was born in a small rural village in Hungary on December 6, 1927.

As a teenager she endured and survived the horrors of the Nazi concentration camps. Following the war she established her home in the United States and here she has flourished. Eva lives happily in Plymouth, MN surrounded by family and friends. She can be found most Shabbats here at Sharei Chesed enjoying and participating in services.

Please be sure to stop by to say happy birthday and be part of her amazing life journey.

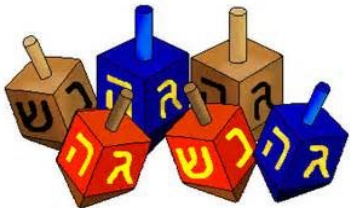


Today's Kiddush Luncheon

Today's Kiddush lunch is sponsored by the family of Eva Gross in honor of her special birthday.

Save-the-date! Annual Hanukkah Party

Bring your family and friends to join in the feast and fun at our Annual Hanukkah Dinner & Party Celebration, Sunday, December 17, 2017



- Enjoy a wonderful Hanukah Dinner
- Music, Talent Show, Games and Prize
- Performances by our religious school students

RSVP required for planning purposes,

Please send in reservation form or call Lee at (763) 545-8800 no later than 12 noon, Monday, December 11, 2017. See *invitation for complete details*.

**Yahrzeits for week of
December 9-15, 2017 - 21-27 Kislev 5778**

Yahrzeit of

Remembered by

Saturday, December 9th (21 Kislev)

Talkhum Meyerov
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Dr. David Feldman
Mark Feldman

Sunday, December 10th (22 Kislev)

Eve Shapiro
Avrohom Zilberman Avrohom ben Moshe

Barb Weil
Rakhil Zilberman

Monday, December 11th (23 Kislev)

Jules Braufman Jules Yehuda ben Avram Ha Cohen
Raisa Feldberg
Barukh ben Wolf & Baile Barukh ben Wolf & Baile

Madalyn & Janie Braufman
Tanya Joffee
Sofia Zhuravel

Tuesday, December 12th (24 Kislev)

David Kamenir
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David Kamenir
Michael Simand Michael ben Nakhamya & Galina
Ilya Sirotin Elyah ben Yosef & Leah

Berta Kipnis
Leah Kamenir
Nickolay Kamenir
Nakhamya Simanduyev
Eli Sirotin

Wednesday, December 13th (25 Kislev)- First Night of Hanukah

Basya Feiga Bertkovna Slobodskaya
Nechama Gindin Nechama bat Baruch
Itta Feldman Itta bat David
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Anna Rabinovich L'vovich Anna Rabinovich L'vovna
Rivi Shink
Motel Slobodskih L'vovich

Alexsandr Slobodskiy L'vovich
Michael Bershtyn
Dr. David Feldman
Mark Feldman
Alexsandr Slobodskiy L'vovich
Elliott Scherling
Alexsandr Slobodskiy L'vovich

Thursday, December 14th (26 Kislev)- Second Night of Hanukah

Arthur Warren Johnstad
Henrych Krampf Henrych ben Ycidor
Bertha- Birdie Posner Baila bat Sepa
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Nancy Smith
Izya Krampf
Cindy Benzaquen
DeeDee Bolter

Friday, December 15th (27 Kislev)- Third Night of Hanukah

Bernard Barr Katril ben Yakov v'Sara Itkah
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Harriet Nilva

George Barr
Victor Barr
Shelly Zien

May their memories always be for a blessing.